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SILVER MAY REACH WONDER FIGURE

The Arizona Mining Journal for June contains an article based on figures prepared by an eastern financial journal and which is interesting reading to miners of silver.

"Should the white metal reach the hitherto impossible sum of \$10 per ounce, all of the silver in the vaults of all the banks in the world, not to mention that stored in government treasuries and trade vaults, would not be enough to redeem the unsecured issues of paper money. This so-called money is today practically valueless in international trade and is fast losing what little value it once possessed in the country of its issue."

"At the same time China, India and other Oriental countries, are selling vastly more goods than in former times at prices much larger per unit and are demanding in payment for their goods an unceasing flow of silver."

"It is not astonishing therefore that men of vision and wise experience in the mining world are now turning their thoughts to the production of silver and see an era of unprecedented prosperity before them. They regard the possession of silver fine as a guarantee of almost limitless wealth for years to come, and that condition today accounts for the great activity seen around the old properties which were practically valueless in days past but which under greatly improved methods of mining and better transportation facilities, give great promise of developing into mines of real worth."

The Oriental countries have always been the largest market for our silver. Before the war this supply was bought through London, but since the great conflict, much of this supply has been purchased in New York. These countries are today prepared to absorb all of the silver that can be produced and the Indian and Chinese exporters are constantly adding to the balance due them from the merchants of the west.

In addition to this, if exchange is to be restored to anything approximate to normal, the unsecured or unbacked paper money of Europe must be validated. Enough silver to validate these issues cannot be mined in years.

Commenting on the present situation and the constantly rising market for silver, one financial authority said recently: "It is not longer possible for any of the world's nations to buy silver for coinage, except the United States, unless they debase their standard coins, instituting a new system in which the coins will contain so little of the white metal that it will not be profitable to melt them."

Thus the great and growing demand of riches ever dreamed by the miners of silver in the United States, as this country and Mexico together, supply nearly three quarters of the world's entire production of the metal.

THE HONOR OF THE PRESS

Again it has been clearly demonstrated that there is such a thing as the honor of the press.

The latter part of last week Deputy Sheriff H. J. Patterson, of Patagonia, arrested a Mexican by name of Jesus Maria Barboa, on suspicion of possible connection with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Erhardt, aged Phoenix couple, which crime shocked the entire state and brought forth a wave of indignation.

The suspect was taken to Nogales, and communication with the sheriff's office of Maricopa county soon revealed the fact that the murderer had been apprehended in the person of Barboa.

Had this fact become known, it is probable Barboa would never have reached the protecting walls of the state prison at Florence.

Sheriff Earhardt, of Santa Cruz county, requested that no mention be made of the capture at that time, or until such a time as the prisoner could be placed in safe keeping. He was taken to Phoenix where he confessed to the officers, and reacted the horrible crime on the very scene where it was committed.

Before the public at large was informed of the capture of the Erhardt murderer, he was safely behind the walls of the state prison.

To the Nogales Herald credit is due. In the face of an opportunity to "scoop" the entire state on the biggest local interest story of the day, that paper placed honor before enterprise, and withheld the story from publication.

Just another convincing example of the honor of the press.

A WONDERFUL WORK

The Fourth Anniversary Boost Edition of the Northern Arizona Leader, published at Flagstaff and ably edited by Craig Pottinger, is on our exchange table.

Consisting of sixty pages of interesting matter depicting the growth and resources of the northern counties of the state, it is a masterpiece in its line and reflects credit upon its compilers and the live business interests who generously supported the edition.

It's value to the northern part of the state cannot be measured in money.

The more one studies politicians, the more he honors Nero for not blowing his horn while Rome burned.

ANOTHER MILESTONE

Another advance in the realization of Cochise county development was made yesterday when the backers of the Charleston Dam project met with the Board of Supervisors to arrange with the board regarding the calling of an election, and which meeting resulted in the election being called for Tuesday, August the tenth.

It was pleasing to all concerned to see that the protests resolved themselves down into those of lands that were fairly entitled to exemption, and now the way is clear for the next step. It will carry beyond question when the vote on the proposed irrigation district is cast.

Engineer Elliott, of the Salt River Valley Water Users' association, gave very valuable information at the meeting, and his retention as engineer for the temporary organization is a step in the right direction.

Few people outside of those directly interested in the project realize what it means to Cochise county. Its success means a fixed supply of almost everything that we get in the way of vegetables and grains and fruits from the California markets, and fixes a definite home market for the producers, because of the fact that Douglas and the Warren district can be supplied over the good roads we now have and are building within a few hours. The many edibles that will be raised under the Charleston Dam project will be picked and served on the table within twenty-four hours. From the way dairy cattle are being brought into the valley, butter and cheese will be a further output along with the vegetables and kindred market stuff.

THE MIRROR OF HISTORY

In a little pamphlet entitled "Basic Facts of Prosperity" published by the Curtis Publishing company, an analysis of wholesale and retail prices and wages for the years 1860 to 1872 is given. There was a general rise during 1861 and 1862 and 1863, and at the end of the latter year wholesale prices were at 150; retail prices at 140; wages at 130. During the year 1864 came the sharpest rise and wholesale prices jumped to the 210 mark, reaching the peak in January 1865. Meanwhile both retail prices and wages had taken a more gradual rise, the former standing at 165 in January and wages being at 150.

In April 1865, the war ended and there came a sudden drop in wholesale prices, which fell to 160 in July of that year and then rallied to 180 by the end of the year. Retail prices and wages continued a steady rise throughout the year; not being affected by the end of the war and reached the respective levels of 170 and 165 at the end of 1865.

In the year following the close of the war, or 1866, there was a marked variation in the trend of the three. Wholesale prices fluctuated rather violently but with a constant downward trend, and they continued this downward course with occasional sharp rallies for seven years following the war, scoring a net loss of from five to ten points a year, until in 1872, just prior to the great panic, they were at 130 or just 30 points above the pre-war figure.

If history is repeating itself the man who denies himself luxuries now, and invests his money in U. S. Government securities will be on a sound financial basis when the present troublesome days are over.

WHAT IS IT FOR?

Why the \$10 passport charge on travel to Mexico? Such a charge is not imposed on travel to other countries. If the government is now making more stringent its regulations in an effort to prevent Americans from going to Mexico to drink or otherwise misbehave, it is taking a wrong course. After a person has come to El Paso or other border city from some far northern or eastern point at a cost of \$100 or more, another \$10 will not stop him from going to Mexico. No matter how high the price of a passport is put, the bum and the dope user will wade the river and the rich man will simply pay the price as he always does.

But the people who do individually a little business with Mexico, but considerable in the aggregate, these will be debarred from further commercial intercourse, while legitimate social exchange will cease.

The \$10 passport charge is probably some little bureaucrat's bright idea to get his name under the chief's eye. The last thing the Washington government does is to think of consequences.—El Paso Herald.

RECALL THESE PETITIONS

(Arizona Gazette)

For a number of excellent reasons the Gazette is convinced that circulation of petitions to initiate measures to create a state highway commission and for a bonded indebtedness, so as to permit the issue of some thirty millions of dollars in bonds for highways is unwise at this time.

Looking at the matter from the standpoint of Phoenix and Maricopa county first—and this newspaper believes that its first duty is to the community from which it draws its living—it seems to the Gazette that this is not the proper time for increasing the state debt, and consequently the county debt.

Maricopa county already has a big contract on hand—the building of some 300 miles of roads. Since this program was mapped out prices of material and labor have increased until it is now deemed necessary to spend \$4,500,000 more in Maricopa county than originally estimated, in order to complete and extend this program. Saddling of an additional debt upon the taxpayers might result in the failure of the whole program. The farmer, the property owner, the tax-payer already is carrying a maximum load, and this additional impost might prove the proverbial "last straw."

There are other excellent reasons why the Gazette believes the petitions should be recalled, but the ones stated should be sufficient.

Sidelights on the Democratic Convention

By WILLIAM HATTICH

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—Convention Hall—Opening of convention delayed and galleries only half filled while all delegates are in the hall.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—12:30—Convention was called to order at 12:30 by vice Chairman Kremer. Portrait of President Wilson unveiled amidst great applause.

CONVENTION HALL, 12:59.—National Chairman Homer S. Cummings of the Democratic National Committee was chosen temporary chairman of the convention and in keynote speech scornfully described the Republican party, saying it conveyed no hope to Ireland.

He said the Republican platform was reactionary with no hope conveyed for Ireland, no salvation for Armenia and a concealed sword for Mexico. He characterized the Republican congressional investigations as "smelling committees," resulting in investigating themselves. It contains vague promises and teeming with vilifications. He was applauded.

CONVENTION HALL, 1 p. m.—Parade of delegations. Standard in honor of Wilson. New York joins the parade after physical struggle. Others hold onto and are followed.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—There has been no definite decision on the part of the Arizona delegation as to the choice of candidates but McAdoo is strongly in favor. If McAdoo is not to be considered, however, the Arizona delegation is strongly in favor of Cox, with Palmer second. Sentiment is that McAdoo will lose many votes owing to his kinship with Wilson.

The Arizona delegation which is housed at the Hotel Regent, shows a representation from all over the state, among the visitors are a number of newspaper men, including Major G. H. Kelly, representing his paper, the Douglas International; Wm. Hattich, former editor of the Tombstone Prospector, now residing at Los Angeles, representing the Prospector; Ralph Ellwood, the Tucson Star; E. E. Ellwood, the Bisbee Review; J. C. Callahan, the Arizona Gazette.

The delegates from Arizona are: Miss Alice Birdsall of Phoenix, alternate for Alexander Baker, who is ill in a Phoenix hospital; P. W. O'Sullivan, Kingman; L. Lanahan, of Flagstaff; W. D. Claypool, of Claypool; W. W. Pace of Thatcher; W. A. Mowar, of Phoenix; E. W. Coker, of Florence; Charles Blenman of Tucson; Mrs. Bettie White, of Douglas, and James A. Harrison of Nogales. O'Sullivan, Pace and Harrison are accompanied by their wives.

Among the alternates from Arizona who are here, and who will sit in the convention, are: Mrs. Anna Hurst, of Douglas; A. B. Ming, of Yuma; Mrs. Geo. A. Foote, of Thatcher; Mrs. Helen Price of Tucson; senator H. A. Elliott, of Clifton and W. C. Kitchinhouse of Williams.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—The Arizona delegation met this afternoon and made the following committee assignments:

E. Elmo Bolander, chairman of delegation; P. W. O'Sullivan, platform and resolutions; W. W. Pace, organization; Charles Blenman, rules and order of business; James A. Harrison, credentials. All delegates are present except L. B. Lanham, E. A. Sawyer and E. W. Coke, who have not arrived. The delegation, for the present, refused to adopt the unit rule. No open reference was made, to a presidential candidate, although McAdoo seemed to be most favored.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 29.—The first action taken following the convening of the Democratic National convention here this morning was the naming of the committee on organization, which consists chiefly of men from the Pacific coast and western states.

The committee immediately went on record as favoring a plank for the reclamation of desert lands through the erection of immense storage dams. The endorsement of pro-

posed legislation to aid education by strengthening the position of school teachers and instructors was also asked by the committee.

An organization of western states to push the reclamation plank to the front was formed last night at a banquet given by the California delegation.

Governor Stewart, of Montana was elected president, Judge S. Ballinger, secretary and W. W. Pace, chairman of the executive committee. Both the latter are Arizona men.

The sub-committee named to draft the reclamation plank was composed of Judge Wall R. King, of Oregon, Judge S. Ballinger, of Arizona, and F. McCumbers, of the Hawaiian Islands.

Judge W. L. Barnum, of Phoenix, prominent new national committeeman from Arizona, left last night for Texas, where he was called by the sudden death of his sister. Judge Ballinger holds the committee proxy.

The administration element controls the platform committee, which insures the unqualified endorsement of the League of Nations and the prohibition question.

If Bryan carries his bone-dry plank to the body of the committee, it is doomed to defeat.

Reservations for the Arizona delegates were made at an obscure hotel with the result that very few of the delegates from Arizona are stopping there. All conferences are being held in the room of Fred Colter at the Palace hotel.

Last night the first McAdoo badge was displayed. Shortly thereafter hundreds appeared in the prominent hotel lobbies.

Marching columns were formed for parades in the streets and in the hotel lobbies.

It is now said that the administration leaders will undertake the nomination of McAdoo, which would mean that the Democrats must stand for every prominent feature of the Wilson administration.

There is no sign of ill feeling among the friends of the various candidates. The many-sided fight is proceeding in a spirit of good humor.

McADOO'S NAME WILL NOT BE PLACED BEFORE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 30.—The Democratic National Convention convened in the Auditorium at 11:30 this morning. The big hall was jammed to capacity and the program outlined for the day consisted of the nominating speeches.

Shortly after the opening of the convention, and to the surprise of many delegates, definite and final instructions arrived from the east to the effect that the name of William G. McAdoo would not be formally placed before the convention.

Mr. McAdoo was quoted, in a dispatch from New York, as saying: "This action meets with my entire approval." He would make no further comment.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—Mrs. B. J. McKinney of Tucson, was elected by the Arizona delegation to be the Arizona member on the Democratic National committee. Mr. and Mrs. McKinney are pioneers of Arizona and especially well known in Tombstone and Cochise county.

The first poll of the Arizona delegates, taken this morning, before the receipt of instructions from the east regarding the placing the name of McAdoo before the convention, showed 5 votes for McAdoo and 1 for Cox. It was afterward decided that Arizona would cast her six votes for Senator Owen, in appreciation of his activity and aid extended the Baby State during her struggle for statehood. This will be accorded in the spirit of a complimentary vote.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—The nominating speeches will occupy most of the day and it is probable that balloting will not begin before tomorrow afternoon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 1.—Before the opening of the convention

this morning, it was understood that the Arizona delegation would stand 5 for McAdoo and 1 for Cox. Cox is the second choice of the Arizona delegation, while its dark horse choice has not as yet been announced.

The report of the committee on platform will be the important event of today.

Bryan's dry plank only received 12 votes in full committee. He is expected to fight for this plank before the committee late today, but it is almost certain that the platform will be sold for prohibition.

The McAdoo demonstration yesterday was the longest and the most spectacular, but opinion now is that he will be unable to win. Hundreds of federal officials, from cabinet members to postmasters, are here whispering up the McAdoo boom.

Ballotting may be reached late this afternoon, but if the platform battle is long, then balloting will go over until tomorrow.

I now predict that McAdoo will fail, but who will win is unseen at this time.

Friends of Bryan and his dry plank say that the Commoner will make the greatest effort of his lifetime in his speech today.

The many ladies who have spoken in behalf of their favorite candidates in preceding speeches have been given much applause.

When Oregon was reached this morning in the call of states, announcement was made that the Oregon delegation was instructed for McAdoo and was joining the effort to draft him as a candidate.

The Arizona delegation conferred this morning on a choice among the possible dark horses, and there was disclosed firm support for Cummings.

There is much to suggest Cummings as a dark horse winner among those with only a small support on the first ballot.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 2.—It is hardly possible that balloting will be reached at the Democratic convention today as the fight being made by William Jennings Bryan in behalf of his bone-dry plank bids fair to be the most important event and take up most of the day.

The struggle over the disputed planks in the platform is to be ended before the body of the convention today, and balloting is not expected before tomorrow morning.

It is certain that the administration forces have their own way about the League of Nations and all other matters except the disposition of the wet and dry plank.

Bryan continues to assert that he will offer the convention his bone-dry plank, the one which was denied him by the committee on platform. The prevailing opinion last night was that Bryan's prohibition plank would carry. It would not if the delegates could be depended upon to vote their individual desires, but this action cannot be relied upon, and it's passage is looked for in the same manner that Congress was browbeaten into submission on the 18th amendment by a prohibition lobby.

This convention is under at least threatening influences and the delegates are afraid to vote their true sentiments.

If Bryan wins with his bone-dry plank, he will emerge from his three day struggle over prohibition as the one hero of the convention, while the forces who have opposed his autocratic rule will be more or less chagrined.

MAN LOSES FILLYER AND BOOZE CROSSING U. S. LINE

DOUGLAS, July 2.—In an attempt to cross the international boundary line with booze concealed in a fillyer, a man, giving no name, was apprehended and his car confiscated by the custom officials.

E. A. Housel, deputy collector of customs, stated today the Ford would be sold to the highest bidder Tuesday afternoon and that it would be parked at the curb on the west side of the federal building, where anyone desiring to inspect its condition may do so.

TEMPE — Construction of huge rock crusher under way.